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KING PETER OF SERBIA IN COMMAND OF ARMY

King Peter of Serbia, who has been ill for many months, has assumed command of the Serbian army, and, according to a Nish report, has checked the advance of the Austrians, inflicting heavy losses on them. The Austrian report to this is that the occupation of Belgrade necessitates the regrouping of their troops.

The political news of the day was an authoritative announcement from Belgrade that it was not considered possible anything would interfere to make the Austrians so desirous to change their policy of strict neutrality until next spring.

KING GEORGE DECORATES SEVERAL FRENCH GENERALS

LONDON, December 7 (9:50 P. M.).—During his visit to France, King George conferred the grand cross of the Order of the Bath on Generals Joffre and Foch, and the grand cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George on seven other French generals.

ALLIES ARE PRESSING VIGOROUS OFFENSIVE

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)

PARIS, December 7.—German guns have been established at a point just south of Neupont, and to-day their shells have been hurled against the Ost Dunkerke, some thirty miles to the west of Neupont. This is the first time the enemy's guns have found a target so far west of the Yser as this northern extremity of the allies' line.

The allies are continuing their attacks against the positions still retained by the Germans on the left bank of the Yser, from Dixmude north to Neupont, with considerable success, although these efforts have not yet forced the dislodging of the invaders. The positions the Germans occupy are still unoccupied, and they are in small numbers, that the fighting over their possession is more or less of the calibre of skirmishes.

Official reports are that the losses of the enemy along the Yser during the past few days have been extremely severe.

At one point where the Belgians were operating with the first troops they blew up a bridge, while a body of 5,000 Germans were cut off and annihilated.

Nor only on the Yser front, but all along the battle line to the Argonne, the allies are pressing the offensive with determination and vigor. The French and British attack is proving steadily superior to the German, and advantages, particularly in the ex-

OBITUARY

Mrs. C. G. Pettit, wife of the proprietor of the Hotel Grand, died yesterday. She was a sister of the late Mrs. Philip F. Brown, and besides her husband she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Adams Wilson, of Smithfield; four daughters, Mrs. W. Gay Smith, Mrs. M. M. Jennings, Mrs. Lee Pettit, Virginia Chapman Pettit, and two sons, C. G. Pettit, Jr., and S. S. Pettit.

The funeral will be conducted from the home at noon to-day by Rev. James W. Morris, of Monumental. The remains will then be carried on a hearse to the cemetery, where they will be interred in the family vault.

Palbearers will be Philip F. Brown, Sr., Robert M. Jennings, Philip F. Brown, Jr., R. R. Brown, John P. Turner, W. Gay Smith, L. M. Brown, and C. G. Pettit, Jr.

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LYNCHBURG, Va., December 7.—Rev. Tazewell M. McCorkle, aged seventy-seven years, one of the oldest members of the Virginia Synod of the Presbyterian Church, died at his home here to-day. He was a native of Virginia, a Confederate veteran and commander and chaplain of Garland's Rhode Island Cavalry. His wife, Miss Susie Dunnington, also survives. Mr. McCorkle was formerly pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church here, and until two years ago he preached for Peaks Church, Bedford County.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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John D. Hendrix.

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GREENSBORO, N. C., December 7.—John D. Hendrix, one of the county's oldest and best known citizens, died here to-day, aged eighty-three. He had been in ill health several weeks, and death was not unexpected. He is survived by his widow and four sons, James M. Hendrix, all of this city. The funeral will be held from the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Arthur D. Clismond.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FRIDELAND, Va., December 7.—Arthur D. Clismond, a prominent citizen of King George County, died yesterday at his home near King George Courthouse after an illness of nearly two years, aged sixty-five years. He had held the position of postmaster at King George for many years, and had resigned on account of ill health. He was also at one time constable of his county. He is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter, one brother and one sister.

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DEATHS

THOMPSON.—Died, suddenly, Monday evening, December 7, 1914, at 9 o'clock, at his residence, Grove and Thompson Avenue, St. Paul, Minn., a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bryant, died Saturday at the home of his parents in Madison Heights.

IN MEMORIAM

HOWARD.—In sad but loving remembrance of our darling mother, HENRIETTA LEE HOWARD, who entered into eternal rest one year ago, December 6, 1913, BY HER CHILDREN.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED: Young lady for private branch telephone operator. Private H 211, care Times-Dispatch.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina—Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday.

Local Temperature 8 P. M. Yesterday: 35. 12 noon temperature: 38. 5 P. M. temperature: 39. Maximum temperature up to 8 P. M.: 39. Minimum temperature: 37. Mean temperature: 37. Normal temperature: 38. Deficiency in temperature: 1. Deficiency in temperature: 1. Deficiency in temperature: 1.

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CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place	Temp.	Wind	Weather
Asheville	40	40	Cloudy
Atlanta	48	42	Cloudy
Boston	38	38	Rain
Buffalo	22	34	Cloudy
Calgary	10	12	Cloudy
Charleston	48	44	Cloudy
Chicago	28	40	Rain
Dallas	28	30	Snow
Dayton	28	30	Snow
Galveston	50	50	Cloudy
Hatteras	41	50	Cloudy
Haver	30	40	Cloudy
Jacksonville	52	40	Snow
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Montgomery	52	58	Cloudy
New Orleans	50	54	Rain
New York	42	42	Cloudy
Norfolk	40	36	Rain
Oklahoma	40	38	Rain
Pittsburgh	38	40	Cloudy
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St. Louis	44	40	Rain
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Seattle	48	48	Cloudy
Spokane	36	40	Clear
Tampa	58	68	Cloudy
Washington	42	42	Rain
Winnipeg	24	24	Cloudy
Wytheville	42	48	Cloudy

RICHMOND PLANTS LOOK FORWARD TO INDUSTRIAL BOOM

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section will be good, and that we will increase our force early in January, when we begin shipping again.

At the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works, on Belle Isle, extensive improvements have been made. A big generating plant has just been installed, and the equipment throughout the factories is being modernized. Up-to-date machinery is being installed, and the prospects for the future are very bright.

Harry S. Wayt, secretary of the company, said last night that the concern was employing 330 operatives. Half of these are working full time and the balance are on half time.

"The conditions in the field of labor and in business are not peculiar here," Mr. Wayt said, "but are felt all over the country. Perhaps if the people were less oppressive on the roads and big business conditions would be much better. Something is radically wrong with the present system."

RAILWAY SHOPS WORKING ON PART TIME

The conditions described by Mr. Wayt were echoed by the stationer at the Southern Railway Shops and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Shops. At the former, the locomotive department, employing 300 men, is working three days a week. The repair department, with 300 men on the pay roll, is working forty hours a week. At the latter plant, 700 employees are working on an average of forty hours a week, as against fifty-four hours a week during normal seasons.

The war has been beneficial to many local plants. Among these is the Dunlop Mfg. Co., which is making large shipments of four to Europe. It is working its full force. The Cottrell Saddle Company is another of these lucky concerns, and it is also going to expand its business.

Prospects look bright to O. P. Redford, secretary of the Richmond Forgings Corporation. This concern is working about sixty-five out of ninety employees, on a five-day-a-week basis. The plant manufactures parts for automobiles, and the war has brought it business, and there is every indication that more orders will follow.

Orders sufficient to keep it through the summer have been booked by the American Glass Company, Inc. This factory is running full capacity, and is employing about 100 men, and probably 100 glass workers and probably 100 laborers.

TENDENCY TO IMPROVEMENT, SAYS HENRY W. ROUNTREE

While affected by poor conditions in the cotton-producing States, H. W. Rountree, president of the Rountree Trunk and Bag Company, reports that his concern finds the tendency of business is toward improvement.

"We are now employing more than 400 men, practically on full time, and by the first of the year we will be working on a full basis," Mr. Rountree said. "The stores are doing well, and, as we export Southern products, we are considerably better off than most local business houses have not been trying to force sales, but have been looking for collections. We will, however, in a few weeks begin making new lines for the new year, and will work our regular force on full time."

The Columbia Shoe Company and the Yorkville Shoe Company are giving employment to about 75 per cent of their normal force. The former has 135 operatives and the latter 120 operatives. All are working on full time.

Robert W. Rountree, secretary of the former concern, said last night that there was a feeling in the air that conditions would soon be much improved. The condition of the cotton market, he said, had been felt by his company, but, from all reports, the situation has cleared considerably.

J. L. Ryland, secretary of the Standard Paper Manufacturing Company, stated that his company was working full capacity and giving employment to nearly 200 men. The export business, he said, had been injured by general conditions in the new year, but the outlook for the new year was promising. It was also reported that the Manchester Board and Paper Company, employing about 100 men, and the Al-Paper Company, with about the same number, were working full time.

MANY PLANTS ARE RUNNING FULL TIME

The James River Furniture Company reported business picking up. The plant is now running full time with forty-five men on the pay roll. The company will give its annual Christmas dinner to its employees as heretofore. Other concerns doing a similar business are O. D. Brinker & Sons, with thirty-five operatives, and the Manchester Board and Paper Company, with fifteen employees, all working on full time.

Richmond Woodworking Company is operating five days a week with sixty men on its pay roll.

E. C. Laird, president of the Southern Manufacturing Company, said that he expected business to pick up strongly after January 1. The cotton loan fund, he said, will help wonderfully. This fund, which employs several hundred people, while not working at capacity, has made no considerable curtailment in its force.

The American Can Company, another concern employing several hundred operatives, is working about 75 per cent of its force. K. Marcuse, president of the company, said last night that he felt that conditions were improving. Although this is a dull season in the business, he stated that the orders received were fairly satisfactory.

FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE INTENDING TO BUILD

Walter L. Clark, of the Miller Manufacturing Company, was optimistic over conditions at present.

"Naturally plants depending on the building trade," Mr. Clark said, "have felt the slump in business. Fortunately, however, we had many orders remaining over from the summer, and are now working 80 per cent of the normal force for this season of the year. The lumber market is somewhat lower, money is easier to obtain, so I see no real reason why building operations should not reach their normal capacity. We now have about 400 men working at capacity."

Woodward & Sons, which employs a large office force, and a number of laborers, reported that, while there was no great improvement as yet, the outlook during the next few weeks is much brighter, and there are indications that building operations will soon be resumed.

ONE INDUSTRY TOWN

The above prospects of faith in the future came from the concern interviewed last night. There are, of course, scores of plants all doing equally as well, but owing to the great diversity of the industries of Richmond, it is impossible to get a general touch with all. Horace Smith, manager of the Manufacturers' Exhibit, in the annual realization last night, struck the keynote of the situation.

"Few people realize the diversified character of the city," he said. "The Richmond products, from the long aisles of the exhibit hall, include everything from toothpicks to chain cranes, from the products of local works. This is not a one-industry town. It is true that the tobacco industry gives employment to the largest number, but we have many other forms of industry. The Locomotive Works is probably the largest single employer of the city, but it is not a one-industry town. If, however, the Locomotive Works were wiped out the map, it would not be a one-industry town. It would be a large manufacturing center, but not a one-industry town. This condition of the streets and roads, especially by the location of the city, is a very serious condition. It is a condition of the city is now and will be for some time."

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DEMAND IMPROVEMENTS

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The storm was so violent that the Morris took shelter in Sand Hill Cove for the night.

SCHOONER HAS WEATHERED STORMS IN GOOD SHAPE

VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS., December 7.—The six-masted schooner Alice M. Lawrence, which has been ashore on Tuckerneck Shoal since Saturday, has weathered the storm of the past three days in good shape, according to a report brought here to-night by Lieutenant Satterlee, of the revenue cutter Acushnet.

CLYDE STEAMER CHEROKEE MAKES PORT IN SAFETY

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 7.—Having encountered the severe storm sweeping the Virginia coast and after tugging to a night and day off Winter Quarter, the Clyde steamer Cherokee, Captain Bunnell, arrived here late today from New York, twenty-four hours over due. She suffered only slight damage, though the storm is reported to have been one of the worst in recent years.

JULIAN HAWTHORNE HURT

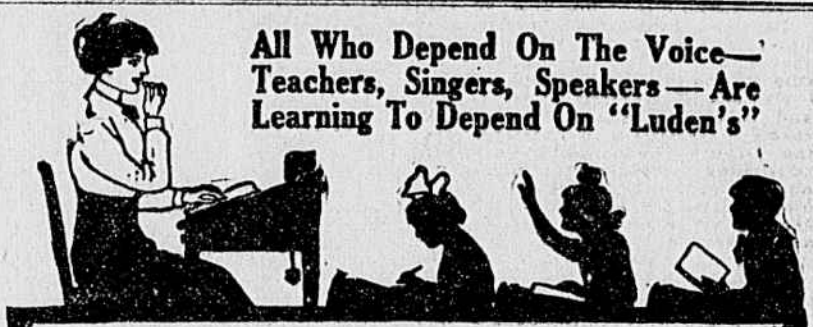
Author Struck and Injured by Automobile While Crossing Street.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

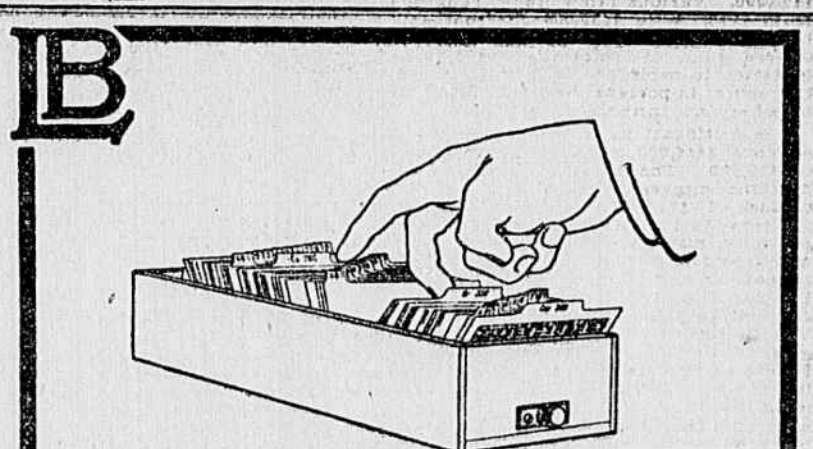
NEW YORK, December 7.—Julian Hawthorne, the author, who is sixty-nine years old, was struck and injured by an automobile to-day while crossing Vanderbilt Avenue at Forty-fourth Street. He was removed to his home, where it was found he had sustained several cuts and bruises.

ITALIAN TROOPS READY FOR ANY AGGRESSION

ROME, December 7.—Eight battalions of Italian troops have been ordered to Libya to reinforce the troops there, and, according to announcement, "to be ready for any aggression."



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